

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2290

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 9, 1981

Application of EXECUTIVE LIMOUSINE)
SERVICE, INC., for Special Authori-)
zation to Perform Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract --)
Air France)

Case No. CP-81-17

By application filed December 7, 1981, Executive Limousine Service, Inc. (Executive), seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with Compagnie Nationale Air France (Air France), transporting Air France flight personnel and employees, together with mail, express and baggage in the same vehicle with passengers, over irregular routes between Dulles International Airport (Dulles), Chantilly, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, those points within the District of Columbia and Maryland which are located within the Metropolitan District.

The contract, at a price of \$51 per vehicle for each transfer, 1/ is for one year and is automatically renewable for additional 12-month periods in the absence of 30-days written notice. It may be cancelled by either party upon 30-days written notice after an initial 181-day period. The contract calls for the provision of sufficient equipment (vans, stretch limousines and station wagons) to meet ground transportation needs. Applicant operates four vans available for use under the contract.

Applicant is experienced in providing aircraft crew shuttle transportation, and certifies that its operating personnel are familiar with the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith. It further states that it has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation. The proposed service would balance existing operations and would actually reduce deadhead mileage in some instances.

Executive's balance sheet dated December 31, 1980, shows current assets of \$46,425, total assets of \$320,335, current

1/ Waiting time in excess of one-half hour is \$8.50 for each half-hour.

liabilities of \$15,281, and equity of \$176,146. For the eight months ended August 31, 1981, Executive shows income of \$123,247 and expenses (not including interest) of \$135,640 for a loss of \$12,393. Giving effect to the projected revenues and expenses from the proposed contract, the carrier projects an annual operating income of \$3,255.

A representative of Air France submitted an affidavit in support of the application, stating that the airline must provide accommodations for flight personnel and crews including ground transportation between Dulles and local hotels. The average crew is nine persons and the hotel used may change from time to time. While, in the past, another carrier provided the ground transportation, applicant has been providing such service for the last five months pursuant to a grant of temporary authority from the Commission. Air France is satisfied with Executive's ability properly to perform the service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a definite intent to execute a contract for the transportation of employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. ^{2/} Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Executive Limousine Service, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, December 11, 1981.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Friday, December 18, 1981.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, December 21,

^{2/} See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.

1981, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on Maxwell A. Howell, Esquire, Suite 1100, 1511 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregory Paul Barth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

GREGORY PAUL BARTH
Acting Executive Director

